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1. LABATT CONSULTED WITH GOP UNDERSECRETARY OF LABOR INCIONG ABOUT THE SCOPE AND NATURE OF THE PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE THEY ARE HOPING TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE US DOL. INCIONG STATED THAT SECRETARY BLAS OPLE FEELS THAT THERE IS MUCH HIS DEPARTMENT CAN LEARN FROM THE US DOL ABOUT NEARLY EVERYTHING HIS DEPARTMENT DOES. THEREFORE THEY ARE PUTTING TOGETHER A PACKAGE REQUEST THAT INCIONG BELIEVES SHOULD BE READY IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS. IN GENERAL THEY WANT AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR CONCILIATORS AND ARBITRATORS, AN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM WITH EQUIPMENT, A PRODUCTIVITY PROGRAM WITH TIME AND MOTION STUDY DEVICES AND A COMPREHENSIVE LABOR STATISTICS PROGRAM. THEY WOULD LIKE A HEAVY ELEMENT OF ON-THE-JOB STUDY IN THE COUNTERPART US BUREAU. INCIONG AND OPLE WERE INFORMED MONTHS AGO ABOUT LACK OF US DOL FUNDING AND INCIONG WAS INFORMED AGAIN. INCIONG SAID "ONCE WE PUT TOGETHER OUR REQUEST WE WILL GET THE FUNDS."

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2. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION ARE TAKING A NEW TURN SINCE THE MAY FIRST LABOR DAY INSTRUCTIONS AND DECREES (SEE REF C). THE FORTHCOMING TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE MAY 25-27 WILL REEXAMINE THE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES. IT IS EXPECTED THAT SIGNIFICANT CHANGES WILL BE MADE SO AS TO EXPEDITE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES. LABATT

IS NOT VERY SANGUINE ABOUT WHAT MAY MATERIALIZE IN THE
WAY OF A FORMAL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE. WHAT WITH THE
PREPARATIONS FOR THE TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE, THE JUNE 12
OPENING OF THE NEW PARLIAMENT AND THE JUNE CONFERENCE
OF THE ILO, THERE IS LITTLE TIME FOR THE NECESSARY
STAFF WORK OR TO COMMAND THE ATTENTION OF SECRETARY
OPLE. THIS HEAVY PLATTER WAS UNDOUBTEDLY A CONTRIBUTING
FACTOR TO THE CONCELLATION OF THE SEMINAR. TOUSSAINT

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